

Special Education Programs

Information, News and Events

December 2017



Next Sped Director Call:

December 19, 2017—10 a.m. CST

Connect through Skype for Business at:

[Join Skype Meeting](#)

Direct dial: 1(866)410-8397

Participant code: 1286289700

Agenda Items:

- DHS - Alt Placement Options
- EC Resources
- Initial Provision of Services
- Parent Surveys

STAFF:

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Vacant, Program Specialist

Vacant, Secretary

Sped Program Highlights

1% Waiver for Public Comment

The South Dakota Department of Education is gathering feedback on the plan to reduce the percentage of students participating in alternate assessments.

Public Comment period is open Dec. 12-27.

Federal Program Highlights

The U.S. Department of Education (ED), Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) in accordance with the Paper Reduction Act of 1995 is proposing a revision of an existing information collection regarding the Annual State Application and State and Local Agency Record and Reporting Requirements under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Act. Submit comments using the following links:

1. [Invitation to Comment: Data Collection for Annual State Application - Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\)](#)
2. [Invitation to Comment: State and Local Educational Agency Record and Reporting Requirements - Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\)](#)

DOE Program Highlights

In 2016 the South Dakota Department of Education launched the statewide mentor program. Today approximately 630 new teachers and mentors are participating in this exciting opportunity. Part of the requirements of this program include attendance at the Summer Academy. The purpose of this academy is to provide a time of celebration and reflection as well as an opportunity for individuals to gain additional knowledge in various areas of best practices. **We would like to invite Special Educators to submit a proposal to lead a breakout session at the Summer Academy.** The Summer Academy will be held in Sioux Falls at the Denny Sanford Convention Center on June 4 & 5, with the break-out sessions being presented on June 5th. **PROPOSALS ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 15TH.** Please click the link below to be directed to the Proposal Application page and more information. Presenters will receive \$150 per session and will be reimbursed for travel. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SummerAcademyBreakout>

“There’s no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs”

Author Unknown

Professional Development

(click on the titles to go to registration site)

New Director Webinars

This series of webinars is directed at new special education directions (0-3 years) to learn more about processes required by the Department of Education.

Time: Time: 3:00-4:30pm CST (webinars will be recorded and posted after the training)

CEU's available for registered participants who participate on the Live call. Roll call will be taken, please be sure to sign in with full name for credit.

Webinar 1: Accountability/RDA - September 25th

Webinar 2: Child Count - October 30th

Webinar 3: Dispute Resolution - November 14th

Webinar 4: SPP/APR - December 12th

Webinar 5: Fiscal/Budget - January 23rd

2018 Special Education Conference

March 13 and 14

Call for Papers: Please consider presenting! See call for papers attachment for more information.

Keynote Speaker:

Tim Clue <https://www.timclue.com>

Free Parent Session: March 13, 6:30-8:00. Everyone is invited. Please share the attached flyer with your parents and students.

Catch the Wave Events

3/22/18—BHSU, Spearfish

3/27/18—MTI, Mitchell

4/10/18—USD, Vermillion

4/11/18—NSU, Aberdeen

4/18/18—LATI—Watertown

Winter Assessment Workshops

The Winter Assessment Workshop will provide attendees with the necessary information to support their school and district in the administration of Smarter Balanced, SDSA and SDSA Alt, and MSAA. The workshop will be set up conference-style with two breakout sessions occurring concurrently. More information will be posted at <http://doe.sd.gov/Assessment/presentations.aspx> regarding the schedule and breakout session descriptions.

- Huron - January 31st
- Sioux Falls - February 7th & 8th
- Rapid City - February 14th & 15th



Sped Program Feature Presentation

SPED E-News

Sign up for Sped E-News to keep up-to-date on important sped topics such as...

- Know what to say if parents ask to conduct IEP meeting via email
- IEP's failure to link goals with teen's dyslexia-related needs denies him FAPE
- Providing services, acting promptly satisfies child find requirements
- Prevent administrative convenience from creeping into classroom placement decisions
- Ramifications of Endrew F. and Fry for School Districts and Staff
- Postsecondary Transition Services
- And many more...

For more information log into Sped Connections.

NOTE! All districts have access to a full login for administrators and a limited access login for educators. To obtain your access please call 1-800-341-7874 or visit their [website](#) today!